

# THE LACLEDE BLADE.

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## CURRENT COMMENT.

More than a fourth of the pensioners are the widows of soldiers. This fact seems to be forgotten by many who refer to the statistics of surviving veterans.

Harry Lehr, the lion of New York's 400, now carries a lead purse chained to his waist like a lady. We publish this so that every man living may feel that he is at least superior to somebody.

Alterations in New York's city hall have disclosed a secret staircase used by the hoodlums of 1881. Nowadays such enterprising officials are able to go in and out by the main entrance.

Emperor William has \$3,000,000 in American stocks. This is more important for peace between this country and Germany than Prince Henry's recent visit. The mighty dollar is the great olive branch.

King Edward stopped the train so that he could get a cup of coffee made by an American negro cook in the buffet car; and he would stop the train often if he ever tasted a hocke cake made by Sambo.

The purchaser of the Philadelphia Ledger is also the owner of the New York Times, the Philadelphia Times and the Chattanooga Times. Twenty years ago he was a poor printer in Tennessee. He seems to have talent for the art preservative.

The New York democratic state committee has adopted a resolution favoring the nomination of a candidate for United States senator by the next democratic state convention, anticipating action by the legislature and binding democratic members to vote for him. This is an approach to direct popular choice.

"A prominent politician who does not wish his name to be quoted" is the authority given by a New York paper for the statement that President Roosevelt desired to have the next republican presidential convention held in New York city. No republican national convention has ever been held in the metropolis.

A few days ago Senator Clark, the Montana multi-millionaire, went into a Butte barber shop for a haircut and a shave. When he asked the price at the end of the service, the barber replied: "Your son, Charley, usually gives me \$5." The senator quietly asked the regular fee, and, when told it was 20 cents, handed out a half dollar and went his way, with the remark to the barber: "My son Charley has a rich father and I have not!"

The world's fair classification for horses presents a remarkable series of awards in the breeding rings, offering nearly \$80,000 for these classes alone. A single stallion may win \$500 solely on his merit in any of the more important classes. As the sire of purebred colts he may win \$100 additional, and in the stud ring he may help to win \$750 more. The appropriations for grade geldings and mares by recorded sires aggregate \$10,840 in the world's fair breeding rings.

"I'll take two pounds of snake, please." That, according to Pearson's Weekly, is what one may hear at certain shops in Klamath Falls, a town in Oregon, where there is quite an extensive industry in snakes. Children gather their aprons full of snakes as they would of wild flowers. The species of water snake so plentiful at Klamath Falls is of dark color, and when full grown about three feet long. They are used for medicinal purposes, as a superior quality of oil can be manufactured from this variety.

The slight increase in the population of Australia and the rapid increase in public indebtedness is giving serious concern both to the commonwealth and the mother country, Great Britain. At the present time in Victoria, it is stated, the population is declining, the excess of births over deaths being more than counterbalanced by the emigration, so that in 1902, according to the census there was a net loss in population of 3,192. The state debt is now \$212,500 a head, or considerably more than that of any other country in the world.

According to Gen. Gomez, who heads the committee which has made out a list of the Cuban soldiers entitled to pay under the recent act, about 50,000 men will be on the roll. The pay for these ranges from \$20,000 for Gomez himself, as commander of the army, down to \$900 or \$1,000 for the privates. Here is a chance for trouble for the republic. The \$35,000,000 loan, even if it is subscribed in full, will not go more than half way toward meeting this exorbitant demand for compensation to the so-called liberators of Cuba.

British advisers state that Rev. Albert Swift, of Dulwich Grove Congregational church, London, has been invited by the committee of the St. Louis world's fair evangelistic campaign to take charge of the special work among young people in the exposition buildings. Mr. Swift has been granted six months' leave of absence by his church, which will make it possible for him to accept the invitation, and he will leave England on this special mission the day after the London Christian convention of 1904, of which he is the secretary.

Not until January 1, 1853, was the number of lunatics officially registered in Great Britain. At that date there were 26,762 insane persons, a proportion of the population of 1 to 536. To-day they number over 113,364, a proportion of 1 to every 293. Nor is this all. The tendency of much of the insanity which comes under treatment to-day in England is to end in dementia and to become incurable. It was computed 100 years ago that the recovery rate among cases of mania was 60 per cent. Last year the recovery rate amounted to 38.4 per cent.

## TEMPLARS AROUSED.

"Defenders of the Faith" Long to Aid Christians in the Balkans.

Agitation started at Chicago by High Degree Masons to Send Regiments from All Over the World to Fight the Infidel Turks.

Chicago, Sept. 17.—A twentieth century crusade against their ancient enemy, the Turk, is being planned by Knights Templars, with the Balkans, in place of Palestine, as the field in which they will protect Christians against the oppression of the infidels. Prominent members of the order are agitating the formation of a league that will send regiments of well-drilled fighters to the aid of Bulgaria, and the crusades of the twelfth century may have their modern prototype in a movement of the templars against the troops of the port. The plan has received consideration by Chicago masters of the organization for some time, and to-morrow night it is expected to be formally broached at the meeting of St. Bernard's commandery. With 500,000 members under oath to "be ready to go and fight the enemies of Christ even to the death," it is expected that an international interest will be stirred in the movement, and 200,000 knights from the United States and Europe may be massed in Macedonia to fight the soldiery of Turkey. Among the 200,000 Knights Templars in Chicago, the outrages at Beirut and Aden have revived the spirit that led to the formation of the organization of the order eight centuries ago.

## TERRIFIC GALE IN GOTHAM.

Wind Blew 60 Miles an Hour, Wrecking Small Craft Along the Shores of Staten Island.

New York, Sept. 17.—The heaviest wind and the highest seas known along the Staten Island shores in years were experienced at noon. The entire fleet of the Staten Island Yacht Club at Stapleton, consisting of 18 boats, was wrecked. The fleet of small boats of the Ocean Yacht club of Stapleton was sunk or partly damaged. The gale was so heavy and the sea running so high that no one could venture out from shore to offer assistance. The wind blew down telegraph and electric light poles and some of the trolley lines were compelled to discontinue service. Plateglass windows were shattered in many places in the business district and cars in Fifth avenue were overturned by the force of the wind. Along the New Jersey coast the storm was especially severe. The seas washed over bulkheads and piers and carried away part of the bluff at Long Branch. Hotels and cottages at that place were in great danger.

Wind Unroofed Fifty Hotels. Philadelphia, Sept. 17.—A severe wind and rainstorm from the gulf region prevailed in this section Wednesday. Passengers arriving from Atlantic City say the storm there was severe and that the wind unroofed in the neighborhood of 50 hotels and cottages. At Cape May a bank building was unroofed. The Queen Anna railroad pier was partly destroyed and a number of cottages were damaged.

## ATTEMPTED JAIL BREAK.

Sheriff Dillard Felled by a Club in the Hands of a Negro in the Sedalia Jail.

Sedalia, Mo., Sept. 17.—A daring attempt at jail breaking occurred here at 8:30 last night. One of the prisoners called to Sheriff Dillard to bring a vessel to his cell, and as the sheriff opened the door to the bull pen he was felled by a blow from a club in the hands of a negro. The blow knocked him to his knees and stunned him, but he managed to get on his feet and stagger to the outer door, which he closed. The prisoners, seeing that the attempt to kill the sheriff had failed, ran back to their cells and the names of the conspirators have not been learned.

Brosius to Look After Speed. Guthrie, Ok., Sept. 17.—It is reported that the administration of Horace Speed, United States attorney for Oklahoma, is being investigated by H. M. Brosius, inspector for the Indian Rights association. Mr. Speed has been engaged recently in investigating frauds in southwestern Oklahoma, which resulted in 21 indictments being returned.

Cats Pote Crop 1,000 Carloads. Denver, Col., Sept. 17.—A severe frost and freeze last night in this vicinity and throughout the agricultural district of northern Colorado caused much damage to all crops except sugar beets. Potato buyers in Greeley estimate that the potato crop will be diminished 1,000 carloads.

Celebrating Opening of 1893. Perry, Ok., Sept. 17.—Several Oklahoma towns, situated in the Cherokee strip, which comprises the counties of Noble, Kay, Grant, Woods, Woodward and Garfield, are celebrating the opening of the section of Oklahoma which occurred at high noon September 16, 1893.

Grandson to Unveil Sherman Statue. Washington, Sept. 17.—William Tecumseh Sherman Thorneby, a grandson of Gen. W. T. Sherman, has been selected to unveil the statue of Gen. Sherman, recently completed, in the rear of the United States treasury, October 15.

A Bank at Douglas Robbed. Guthrie, Ok., Sept. 17.—Six masked robbers robbed the bank at Douglas, Ok., early yesterday morning of \$5,077. The robbers left the bank and went to the livery stable and secured the cashier's buggy and rode off.

Miners Strike Against Non-Union Men. Bridgeport, Ok., Sept. 17.—Six hundred men employed at the Lorain Coal and Dock company's Crescent mines, five miles west of this city, went on strike yesterday because a dozen men in the mines would not join the union and the company insisted on working them. The miners' officials are coming to take charge of the strike.

Kentucky's Republican Congressman Dead. London, Ky., Sept. 17.—Congressman Vincent Boring died here Wednesday of pneumonia. He was the only republican in the Kentucky delegation.

## TALKED OF COLONIZATION.

Delegates to National Irrigation Congress Dwell Upon Best Means of Peopling the Western Lands.

Ogden, Utah, Sept. 17.—It developed yesterday that the fight over the proposition to commit the National Irrigation congress in favor of a repeal of several of the existing land laws, including the desert land act, the timber and stone act and the commutation clause of the homestead act will be a very close one. The morning session of the congress was devoted to colonization and the opinions of railroad men and sociologists on the best methods of settling the arid regions with a desirable class of farmers and small stockmen were stated to with much interest. The speech of Commander Booth-Tucker, of the Salvation army, who gave a very complete description of the methods pursued in the Salvation army colonies of California and Colorado in settling them with people from the teeming tenement districts of the east. Commander Tucker made a plea for government aid for the great colonization projects of the Salvation army, to be under the control of the secretary of agriculture.

## SLAIN IN THEIR BED.

Cowardly Assassin Attacked Three Women at Lebanon, Kan.—Discarded Love Suspected of the Crime.

Lebanon, Kan., Sept. 17.—A murderous attack was made some time Tuesday night upon Mrs. H. H. Payne, an aged widow lady; her married daughter, Mrs. Williamson, and the latter's daughter, aged about 12 years. The three were sleeping in one bed, in which the grandmother and granddaughter were found yesterday morning, the former alive, but unconscious. The married daughter was found outside of the house dead. The weapon used was a cultivator bar and the bodies were badly beaten up. Suspicion points towards a young man in the neighborhood, who wished to marry the daughter, and who is now in court. She had refused him repeatedly. The young man is missing and officers are now in pursuit of him.

## A REWARD FOR KELLEY.

Gov. Dockery Will Offer \$500 for the Return to Jefferson City of the Fugitive Agent of Baking Powder Trust.

St. Louis, Sept. 17.—Gov. Dockery has decided to offer a reward of \$500 for the apprehension of D. J. Kelley, legislative agent of the baking powder trust. Kelley is now in Canada, whither he fled to avoid arrest on three indictments charging him with bribery in connection with the alum bluing powder scandal in the Missouri legislature.

Every member of the 1901 session of the legislature will be summoned as a witness before the Cole county grand jury which Attorney General Crow says will be kept in session indefinitely. It is believed that one state senator and two members of the lower house will be indicted and also a prominent individual who is now a lawmaker.

## WOULDN'T OBEY MOTHER.

Kansas Boy Who Refused to Attend School Arrested by Teacher and Sent to Reform School.

Topeka, Kan., Sept. 17.—Herbert Dodge, of Hutchinson, has been sentenced to the state reform school for violating the new truancy law passed last winter. School opened at Hutchinson Monday. Young Dodge was absent. The truancy officer notified him to be at school the next day. He paid no attention to the notice. His mother told the authorities that she had no control over the boy, so he was arrested and brought to the reform school. Under the law the authorities have the right to send habitual truants to the reform school.

## HIS CONDITION SERIOUS.

Sir Thomas Lipton Is in Chicago Suffering from Colitis and Catarrhal Appendicitis.

Chicago, Sept. 17.—Sir Thomas Lipton is suffering much pain from the sickness which attacked him on his arrival in Chicago and another conference of doctors was called. After an hour's conference three physicians agreed that his indisposition, which was at first pronounced acute indigestion, had developed unmistakable signs of colitis and catarrhal appendicitis. Sir Thomas' condition is regarded as serious and it is said that in such cases an operation is sometimes necessary.

The Lewis and Clarke Exposition. Portland, Ore., Sept. 17.—The directors of the Lewis and Clarke exposition, which is to be held in this city in 1905, have apportioned \$300,000 for buildings and have asked the state commission to set aside \$300,000, the first state appropriation, for the same purpose. This apportionment of funds, it is believed, will be sufficient to carry the exposition up to the time the gates are opened.

Declined to Ordain a Woman. Lockport, N. Y., Sept. 17.—After deliberating an entire day a council of Congregational ministers has voted to decline to ordain Mrs. Emma Dietrick into the ministry. She is 50 years old and founded the Woman's Christian Temperance union in Niagara county.

A Bank Closes Its Doors. Fort Wayne, Ind., Sept. 17.—The Elson bank, of LaGrange, closed its doors yesterday. The bank has been interested in projecting electric roads in Ohio territory. No figures have been given.

A Heavy Fall of Snow at Eldora. Eldora, Col., Sept. 17.—It has been snowing here since Sunday night and a number of the mountain trails and gulches are almost impassable. In Berthoud pass there is over 2½ feet of snow. The heavy fall at this time of the year is very uncommon.

Most Invest in Government Bonds. Washington, Sept. 17.—At yesterday's session of the National Association of Railway Postal Clerks the constitution of the benefit association was amended to require the annual investment of \$10,000 in government bonds.

## FIRST TO SPEAK.

Senator Burton Shown Marked Distinction at Irrigation Congress.

Attendance the Largest in History of Congress—Messages from President Roosevelt and Secretary Hitchcock—Senator Clark Presiding.

Ogden, Utah, Sept. 16.—With delegates present from 11 states west of the Mississippi river representing practically every commercial organization in the semi-arid and arid region of the country and the state and municipal governments, the annual session of the National Irrigation congress opened here Tuesday. The sessions will continue until Friday, and during that time much important action is expected to be taken looking toward a reclamation of the vast unsettled territories of the west but await the touch of water to blossom and bear fruit. Not since the beginning of the movement looking toward government aid in a vast scheme of irrigating the arid west has so much interest been taken in the meetings of the irrigation congress and during the four days' sessions irrigation and its kindred subjects, forestry and colonization, will not only be discussed, but practical illustrations of what irrigation is doing for the west will be given. Among the speakers are United States senators and governors of half a dozen states of the west, government experts in forestry and irrigation and representatives of many commercial organizations and colonization movements.

Although the first meeting was scheduled for 9:30 a. m., it was considerably beyond that time when President W. A. Clark ascended the platform of the tabernacle in which the meetings are to be held and rapped for order. The venerable president, John H. Winder, one of the counselors of President Joseph Smith, delivered a brief invocation at the conclusion of which Mayor William Glassman, of Ogden, was introduced and delivered an address of welcome on behalf of Utah.

A trained chorus of 200 voices then sang the "National Irrigation Ode," written by Mrs. Gilbert McClurg, of Colorado Springs. Fifteen hundred delegates and spectators joined in the chorus to the tune of "America" and the effect was tremendous. An ovation was given Mrs. McClurg at its conclusion.

United States Senator Burton, of Kansas, delivered the first formal address of the congress. His subject was "Irrigation and the Conservation of Water for the Prevention of Floods." He made a strong plea for the control of the flood water at the head of the Mississippi and other tributary rivers, this work to be done in conjunction with the jetty and levee systems of the lower Mississippi.

"It would seem at a glance," he said, "that it were more intelligent to harness the flood waters instead of trying to control the floods. Let us not forget that water in motion is almost unmanageable. But still water can be harnessed and controlled as we control a tractable steed."

## THREATENED GOV. HUNT.

Labor Leaders in Porto Rico Arrested for Making Inflammatory Speeches and Uttering the American Flag.

San Juan, P. R., Sept. 15.—Large throngs attend the trial of two public speakers said to belong to the American Federation of Labor, who were arrested for publicly abusing insular officials and for threatening to meet Gov. Hunt on his return here with black flags and to kill him if he refused their demands for the improvement of the labor conditions. One of the speakers is charged with having declared that the American flag was a "rag only fit to cover rascals" and with making other wild remarks.

Removed a Woman Postmaster. Wilmington, Del., Sept. 16.—Miss Huldah B. Todd, postmaster at Greenwood, whose removal from office by the postmaster general because she was obnoxious to United States Senator Allee attracted the attention of the entire country, has given up the disputed office to Arch L. Houseman, who was appointed her successor.

Canada Is Trying to Buick. London, Sept. 16.—The Alaskan boundary commission re-assembled at the foreign office Tuesday and the oral arguments began. Additional interest was lent to the proceedings by statements attributed to some of the Canadians that their country would seriously resent an adverse decision.

San Jones Fought Postmaster. Cartersville, Ga., Sept. 16.—Rev. Sam P. Jones and Postmaster Walter Akerman had a fist fight in front of the depot here. The difficulty arose over Mr. Jones denouncing Akerman for selling wine and threatening to report him to President Roosevelt if he did not stop.

Russian Monks Slain. Berlin, Sept. 16.—A dispatch from Constantinople reports that the Russian monastery at Jerusalem has been sacked by a Mohammedan mob and that all of the monks there were murdered.

Want Another Judge. Ardmore, I. T., Sept. 16.—All lawyers of the Southern Indian territory district will meet here September 25 to petition congress for an additional judge. It is alleged that the present judge, Hosea Townsend, is swamped with work.

Deputy Marshal Escapes Jail. South McAlester, I. T., Sept. 16.—F. N. Short, a deputy United States marshal of the Central district, who killed an Indian on a Choctaw passenger train at Wister a few days ago, escaped from Poteau jail and is at large.

Merely Another Tang. Washington, Sept. 16.—The agreement reached between Minister Conger at Pekin and Prince Ching for the port to be opened on the Yalu river shall be an Tang instead of Tsung Tao, has the approval of the state department.

New Churches for Muskogee. Muskogee, I. T., Sept. 16.—Work will be started this week on a new Methodist church in this city to cost \$23,000. The Episcopal congregation is also erecting a church building that will be a great ornament to the city.

## CALAMITY TO KANSAS CITY.

The Business Men of the City Will Be Greatly Harassed by the Hanging of the Telephone System.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 17.—By a fire in its central office and general office building early yesterday morning the Missouri and Kansas Telephone company lost the use of all of the 4,500 telephones on its "Main" circuit, all its trunk line connections between its branch offices, all its toll service and all its long distance service. A single short circuit in the terminal frame room, so insignificant that it amounted to nothing, put 250 girls out of work, ruined \$150,000 worth of switchboard—and only time can tell whether or not this will be doubled—spoiled miles of expensive copper wire and wrecked the telephone system in the business center of Kansas City. Possibly, with good luck and expedition, working night and day, the service will be resumed in 30 days.

## Sultan of Sulu in Exile.

Washington, Sept. 17.—The United States no longer counts among its subjects the sultan of Sulu, with his six wives, his retinue of slaves and the resplendent dattos who make up his cabinet. The ruler of a picturesque corner of the orient has removed to Singapore. Although a young man in years, the sultan is said to be a total physical wreck and has but a short time to enjoy the pension given him by the government and the income derived from his pearl fisheries.

## Chilly Week for Kansas Veterans.

Lawrence, Kan., Sept. 17.—The first day of the Kansas G. A. R. reunion witnessed a good attendance despite the chilly weather. Camp Lincoln was formally dedicated Wednesday morning. Congressman Bowersock delivered the address of welcome and Commander A. W. Smith the response. In the afternoon National Commander J. C. Black, of Illinois, addressed the veterans on the battle of Prairie Grove. Corporal Tanner is among the visitors.

## Ruth Bryan Engaged to W. H. Leavitt.

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 17.—At a party given last night in honor of Miss Ruth Bryan, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bryan, by members of her college fraternity, formal announcement was made of the engagement of Miss Bryan and William H. Leavitt, of Newport, R. I. The wedding, it was reported, will be in October. Mr. Leavitt is an artist who has been in Lincoln a number of months, part of the time engaged in painting a portrait of Mr. Bryan.

## Bad Reports from Crop Centers.

Chicago, Sept. 17.—The weather bureau says that reports from the prominent crop centers—Kansas City, Omaha and Minneapolis—show freezing temperatures with light to killing frosts general in Nebraska, western Iowa and extreme northern Kansas. There have been killing frosts in the Dakotas, but no importance is attached to them now.

## Bubonic Plague in Manila.

Manila, Sept. 17.—One hundred cases of bubonic plague are reported in Tondo, the most northern and populous suburban district of this city. Of these 80 have had a fatal termination. Twelve cases with nine deaths are also reported from Cebu, in the province of Visayas. Cholera is prevalent in all parts of the island, the result of a rain.

## Rich, Yet Without Security.

Muskogee, I. T., Sept. 17.—The prevailing rate of interest on loans to Indian allottees in the Creek nation is 10 per cent. a month. This is because the Indians have no security to offer, although with freedom of alienation for his lands he would be what is considered a wealthy man in farming communities.

## A Slump in England's Foreign Trade.

London, Sept. 17.—One of the most important phases dealt with in the blue book are imports and exports. The tables show that exports from the United Kingdom to the United States declined from \$145,000,000 in 1890 to \$97,500,000 in 1902, while the imports rose from \$485,000,000 to \$635,000,000.

## Thousands Hunting New Homes.

St. Louis, Sept. 17.—More than 10,000 passengers departed yesterday from St. Louis for the south and southwest on the homeseekers excursions. Probably the largest number was taken out by the Frisco to points in Texas, Indian territory and Oklahoma. Thirty-five cars were used on one train.

## Frost Hurts Colorado Melons.

Pueblo, Col., Sept. 17.—A heavy frost this morning ended a streak of unreasonable weather which has retarded the opening of the Colorado state fair. The frost cuts short by two weeks the extensive melon industry of the Arkansas valley, already shortened by the lateness of the spring.

## Missouri Veteran 100 Years Old.

Webb City, Mo., Sept. 17.—The 100th birthday anniversary of Thomas E. Sauls was celebrated here to-day. The citizens gave a luncheon at the Middle West hotel, served in the old-fashioned way. Mr. Sauls was in the Seminole, the Mexican and the civil wars.

## A LITTLE VARIETY.

St. Louis world's fair building operations employ 5,000 workmen.

"Every man his own pilot!" That accounts for the wrecks.—N. O. Times-Democrat.

Most any girl can make a man fall in love with her; few of them can make him stay there.

The report that Carrie Nation is about to make her debut on the stage has filled the camp of the Theatians with dire consternation. She is to appear, according to the Chicago Chronicle, in a revised dramatization of "Ten Nights in a Barroom," which is being adapted by Robert Ellsworth.

After long negotiations and infinite trouble President Loubet, of France, has secured the castle of Inezene, which once belonged to Diana, of Poitiers, the favorite of Henry II. The chateau is one of the most picturesque in France. It is situated near Montclair and has a waterfall, three ponds filled with trout and a large park with plenty of game. The price paid was 170,000 francs. From his former president can now see his birthplace, Marseilles, where his mother still lives.

## BONAPARTE CHOSEN.

Maryland Man Will Investigate Indian Territory Officials.

Every Man Connected with the Interior Department Must Pass Scrutiny of a Most Searching Character—Tying Up Creek Lands.

Washington, Sept. 15.—Charles Joseph Bonaparte has been selected by Secretary Hitchcock to take charge of the investigation of affairs and officials in the Indian territory that come under the jurisdiction of the interior department. Bonaparte is a resident of Baltimore, Md., and is one of the best-known lawyers in the east. He assisted Attorney General Knox in the prosecution of the suit against the Northern Securities company. The scope of the investigation, it is said, will be sufficiently comprehensive to embrace all statements within the knowledge of the interior department, including all that have appeared in the public press, and all other matters that may, at any time, come to the notice of the investigating officials, which, in any respect, reflect upon the official character, conduct or acts of the Dawes commission, or any member thereof, and the inspector for the Indian territory.

## Attempting to Evade Law.

Muskogee, I. T., Sept. 15.—The strenuous efforts of Secretary Hitchcock, alleged to be for the protection of the Indian, in the restrictions of sale of Creek allotted lands, have resulted in the most picturesque muddle that has ever been witnessed. The muddle is a result of land companies attempting to evade the law by and with the consent of the allottees and their hearty co-operation. It is estimated that fully seven-eighths of the allotted land in the Creek nation is tied up by five-year leases which are for the most part held by corporations.

## PAID SILENT TRIBUTE.

Second Anniversary of President McKinley's Death Observed in Unostentatious Manner at Canton, O.

Canton, O., Sept. 15.—Monday, the second anniversary of the death of the late President McKinley, was not observed by any formal programme in Canton. Flags were lowered on public buildings, there were some short references made in the various departments of the schools to the life and death of McKinley, and carnations were worn as a silent tribute by numerous citizens.

Mrs. McKinley made a special trip to the McKinley vault in West Lawn cemetery and placed floral tributes on the casket. Numerous floral pieces were received from friends and strangers were also placed in the tomb. Mrs. McKinley is in good health.

## McKinley Monument Unveiled at Toledo.

Toledo, O., Sept. 15.—Toledo was en fête Monday over the unveiling of the McKinley statue, the first memorial to the late president erected in Ohio.

## Their Relatives Massacred in Macedonia.

Battle Creek, Mich., Sept. 15.—Monday's mail brought sorrowful news to three employees of the Battle Creek iron works. Philip Trifiron, night watchman, was notified that two brothers and their children had been murdered in Macedonia. S. Forety was informed that both his sons were murdered and an uncle was killed. The letter says 10,000 soldiers attacked a village of 2,000, murdering all but 100 and leaving only ten buildings standing.

## To Publish Names of Drunkards.

Chanute, Kan., Sept. 15.—Police Judge Dryden has evolved a novel scheme of decreasing drunkenness in this place. Whenever a person is before him twice for drunkenness he will publish the fact in the newspapers and on posters and will warn the druggists not to sell the drunkard any more liquor. As a starter he has made up a list of 20 old offenders and ordered their names printed as habitual drunkards.

## England Also Draws Color Line.

London, Sept. 15.—It has been the boast of England in the past that it never drew the color line, whites and blacks being treated alike at hotels, theaters, restaurants, saloons and other public places. Nevertheless, the color line is being drawn, and negroes are beginning to be discriminated against in public places, as in the United States. The courts have just upheld such discrimination as legal.

## Cotton Picking in Indian Territory.

Muskogee, I. T., Sept. 15.—The movement of labor to the cotton fields of the Indian territory has begun and there is a shortage in labor to do odd jobs about the territory towns. Cotton picking is beginning now and the heavy crop offers inducements to negro men and women to earn some money and enjoy an outing. They are taking advantage of the opportunity.

## A Dog Enjoined from Barking.

Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 15.—A dog belonging to R. H. Bell, a well known liveryman of this city, was yesterday enjoined from barking and disturbing the members of W. H. Tephel's family.

## Will Hawes Try to Beat Folk?

St. Louis, Sept. 14.—The latest political rumor is that Harry B. Hawes, police-commissioner and president of the Jefferson club, will enter the race for governor and will contest with Joseph W. Folk for the St. Louis delegation.

Carnegie Observatory on Mount Whitney. Tulare, Cal., Sept. 15.—A Carnegie observatory will be built on top of Mount Whitney, the highest point in the United States. The building will be 120 by 130 feet of granite and natural wood.

Requisition for Carey Snyder Honored. Butte, Mont., Sept. 15.—Gov. Toole yesterday honored the requisition of Gov. Dockery, of Missouri, for Carey Snyder, wanted in Kansas City on a charge of highway robbery in which \$7,000 worth of diamonds are alleged to have been stolen.

A Veteran Western Editor Dead. El Paso, Tex., Sept. 15.—E. F. Lowe, a veteran western editor, is dead. He served in the civil war and was a member of the squad to which Jefferson Davis, president of the southern confederacy, surrendered.